

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of accessing memory-stored items that are
2 available via a system comprising the steps of:
3 displaying a stack of partially overlapping images that are
4 directly representative of display information of a plurality of said memory-
5 stored items, including presenting only a portion of said display information for
6 each said image that is overlapped by another said image in said displayed
7 stack;
8 automatically tracking movement of a display icon across said
9 displayed stack; [[and]]
10 revealing an increased portion of each said image [[images]] in
11 response to detecting that said display icon is positioned in alignment with
12 said image, said revealing being triggered independently from user-initiated
13 designations other than said movement of said display icon, thereby enabling
14 sequential presentations of said images as an automated response to
15 scanning said display icon across said displayed stack along a path in which
16 said display icon is moved into sequential alignment with said images[.]; and
17 presenting file information regarding said memory-stored items,
18 said file information presentations being implemented separately from but in
19 correspondence with said revealing said increased portions of said images as
20 said display icon is moved, said file information including at least one of file
21 name, stored location and file size.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of
2 displaying said displayed stack includes presenting only a minor portion of
3 each image, with an exception of a foremost image in said displayed stack,
4 said memory-stored items being image documents, wherein each said
5 sequential presentation of said increased portions of said images is an
6 automated response that is based merely on positioning of said display icon
7 so as to sequentially vary said foremost image during said scanning, said
8 display icon being a cursor.

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1 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said images in said displayed
2 stack are a subset of available images in storage, said method further
3 comprising the steps of:
4 presenting an incrementing icon and a decrementing icon;
5 enabling subset-to-subset incrementing forward within said
6 storage of images in response to detecting that said display icon has been in
7 alignment with said incrementing icon for a set period of time; and
8 enabling subset-to-subset decrementing rearward within said
9 storage of images in response to detecting that said display icon has been in
10 alignment with said decrementing icon for said set period of time;
11 wherein said subset-to-subset incrementing and decrementing
12 triggers displays of different stacks of said available images in said storage.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising a step of scrolling
2 through each said image in said displayed stack during said set period of
3 time, including revealing each said image in entirety during said set period of
4 time before a different stack is displayed.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said steps of displaying and
2 revealing are directed to a first window area of a display screen, said method
3 further comprising opening a specific memory-stored item in response to a
4 selection of a specific image in said displayed stack, said specific memory-
5 stored item being directly related to said specific image, said opening of said
6 specific memory-stored item occurring in a second window area of said
7 display screen.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said step of displaying said stack
2 of images includes presenting thumbnail images from video files and wherein
3 said step of opening said specific memory-stored item includes running a
4 specific video file when a directly related thumbnail image is selected.

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1 7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of
2 revealing increased portions of said images includes generating pop-up
3 images above said stack as said display icon is moved into alignment with
4 said images in said displayed stack, said revealing further including
5 preserving said images in said displayed stack such that said displayed stack
6 remains intact while said pop-up images are generated.

1 8. (cancelled)

1 9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said steps of displaying, tracking
2 and revealing are implemented from a web page of the World Wide Web.

1 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of
2 enabling manipulation of file storage and transfer in response to user-initiated
3 designations directed toward said displayed stack, including enabling
4 changes in storage of said memory-stored items within different folders as a
5 consequence of manipulations of said images.

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1 11. (currently amended) A computer system comprising:
2 a display device;
3 a source of image files;
4 at least one processor enabled to manipulate said image files
5 from said source for visual presentation at said display device;
6 a cursor-control device and an operatively associated driver
7 program accessible by said at least one processor to manipulate movement of
8 a cursor along said display device; and
9 computer programming accessible by said at least one
10 processor to provide instructions for manipulating said image files from said
11 source, said computer programming being cooperative with said at least one
12 processor to:
13 generate a display of a stack of said image files at said
14 display device such that said stack includes overlapping representa-
15 tions of image data of a plurality of associated said image files from
16 said source, and
17 respond directly to alignment of said cursor with said
18 display of said stack by generating a user-selected image of a repre-
19 sentation on which said cursor resides, each said user-selected image
20 being misaligned with respect to said representations in said stack and
21 being a full-file display of said image data of the specific image file
22 associated with said representation on which said cursor resides;
23 wherein said computer programming includes a cursor-detection
24 module that is sensitive to positioning of said cursor to generate said user-
25 selected image based merely on said positioning of said cursor and further
26 includes an image-loading module that initiates an opening of said specific
27 image file associated with said representation in response to a second user-
28 initiated designation that is triggered by operation of said cursor-control
29 device, wherein said opening is executed separately from said generation of
30 said user-selected image.

1 12. (original) The computer system of claim 11 wherein said source of
2 images is a stored library of digital photographs.

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1 13. (original) The computer system of claim 11 wherein said cursor-control
2 device is one of a computer mouse and a trackball device.

1 14. (cancelled)

1 15. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 11 wherein said
2 computer programming further includes a stack-incrementing module that is
3 responsive to said positioning of said cursor (a) to sequentially scroll through
4 said representations in said stack with respect to generating a sequence of
5 said user-selected images and (b) to generate a succession of said stacks in
6 which each subsequent stack is presented following said sequential scrolling
7 through said representations in an immediately preceding stack.

1 16. (currently amended) A method of accessing stored image files
2 comprising the steps of:
3 displaying an arrangement of thumbnail images in which regions
4 of rearward thumbnail images are partially covered by forward thumbnail
5 images, said thumbnail images in said arrangement being first-level images
6 that are intact frames of image information from correspond to said image
7 files;
8 displaying a second-level image each time that a user-
9 manipulated indicator is positioned in perceived contact with an exposed
10 region of a first-level image, said displayed second-level image being at least
11 partially offset from said arrangement and having a direct correspondence
12 with the first-level image with which said user-manipulated indicator is in
13 perceived contact, said displayed second-level image being a presentation of
14 said intact frame of image information of said first-level image; and
15 displaying a third-level image each time that a second-level
16 image is selected, including opening the stored image file that corresponds to
17 said second-level image which is selected.

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1 17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein said first-level images, said
2 second-level image and said third-level image are displayed simultaneously
3 on a computer screen.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein said step of displaying said
2 arrangement includes forming a stack of axially aligned overlapping first-level
3 images, said step of displaying said second-level image including exposing an
4 entirety of said first-level image at a position adjacent to said stack and within
5 a same window as said stack.

1 19. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of presenting
2 file information regarding the corresponding image file for each second-level
3 image that is displayed.